

AMENDMENTS TO THE CLAIMS

This listing of claims will replace all prior versions and listings of claims in the application:

LISTING OF CLAIMS:

Claims 1-11 (canceled)

12. (Currently Amended) An apparatus for manufacturing a single wire harness including a plurality of partial harnesses using a plurality of proper connectors and a plurality of hybrid connectors, the apparatus comprising:

B³ a wire-harness fabricating station for forming ~~a~~the single wire harness from the plurality of partial harnesses, the wire-harness fabricating station having a first connector receiving jig ~~which~~configured to detachably hold the plurality of proper connectors and a second connector receiving jig configured to detachably hold the plurality of hybrid connectors,

wherein said plurality of proper connectors receive terminals of one of the plurality of partial harnesses, and

wherein said plurality of hybrid connectors receive terminals of at least two of the plurality of partial harnesses.

13. (Currently Amended) ~~An~~The apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness according to claim 12, wherein the wire harness fabricating station comprises a connector transferring device for transferring, to the first and second connector receiving jigs, ~~one~~one of the

plurality of proper connectors and one of the plurality of hybrid connectors, respectively, which are fitted in advance to the plurality of partial harnesses.

14. (New) An apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness, comprising:

a wire-harness fabricating station for forming a wire harness from a plurality of partial harnesses, the wire-harness fabricating station having a connector receiving jig which detachably holds a plurality of proper connectors and a plurality of hybrid connectors,

wherein the connector receiving jig comprises an air cylinder unit for removably fixing the plurality of proper connectors and plurality of hybrid connectors to the connector receiving jig.

15. (New) The apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness according to claim 14, wherein the connector receiving jig is a substantially U-shaped frame member comprising a base and a pair of upright side plates formed on each end of the base.

16. (New) The apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness according to claim 14, wherein the air cylinder unit comprises a piston slidably fitted in a cylinder.

17. (New) The apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness according to claim 16, wherein the cylinder comprises a front cover, and a rear cover having a spring and piston bar located therein,

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B wherein the piston bar is configured to project through a hole formed in the front cover of the cylinder, such that the piston bar presses one of the pair of side plates of the connector receiving jig to fix the plurality of proper connectors and the plurality of hybrids connectors in the connector receiving jig.

18. (New) The apparatus for manufacturing a wire harness according to claim 14, further comprising a plurality of connector receiving jigs.
